Cancer causing chemicals in Indian Beer

1545. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over a hundred brands of Indian beer contain a class of Cancer causing chemicals, as reported in 'The Pioneer' dated the 19th December, 1994;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the average NDMA level is 0.14 PPB in Germany and 0.3 in Sweden but as high as 3.6 PPB in Indian beers; and

(c) what action Government are taking to bring down the PPB level to safe margins?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVER): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad (Indian Council of Medical Research) has conducted a study and reported these findings in one of its recent publications.

(c) Government have initiated action to lay down the specification of beer under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.

जीवन रक्षक दवाओं की कीमतों में वृद्धि

1546. **प्रो० राम बक्श सिंह वर्मा :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जीवन रक्षक दवाओं और प्रतिजैविक (एन्टिबायोटिक्स) दवाओं के मूल्यों में भारी वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार जीवन रक्षक दवाओं और प्रतिजैविक दवाओं के मल्यों में हुई इस भारी वृद्धि को नियंत्रित के लिए कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी० सिल्वेरा) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Supply of uniforms to CGHS Class IV Employees in Delhi

1547. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that class IV employees of CGHS are provided with summer and winter uniforms in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that class IV employees of CGHS of South Zone, have not been provided with these uniforms during the last three years in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when uniforms are likely to be provided to these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Almost all the class-IV employees (Group D) of CGHS, South Zone in Delhi have been provided with uniforms during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise.

Purchase of products manufactured by MNCS

1548. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plelased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1409 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Farishta Soaps and Detergents Enterprises had represen-

ted against the purchase of 'VIM' cleaning powder instead of the Farishta's Cadet cleaning powder which is a prodcct of small scale industry;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken to advise Government departments to buy the produce of small scale industry particularly those exclusively reserved for them, such as clelaning powder; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government Departments have been advised to adhere to the provisions of the Government's purchase policy in regard to products reserved for exclusive purchase from Small Scale Sector.

Release of subsidy on transport

1549. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not so far released the subsidy on transport to various States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for blocking the release of this subsidy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh had requested for release of Rs. 24 crores (approx.) since 1977 which is due to it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the State Government released Rupees three crores as transport subsidy which has not yet been reimbursed by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to release this subsidy for the interest of entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Full amount of subsidy has not been reimbursed to some of the beneficiary States.

(b) Deficiencies were found in the claims submitted by some of the State Govts./Union Territories. Also, the funds are inadequate.

(c) The Transport Subsidy Scheme works on reimbursement basis, a sum of Rs. 4.92 crores (approx) has so far been reimbursed to the State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Claims amounting to Rs. 24 crores (approx.) have been returned as these have not been disbursed by the State Govt. to the industrial units.

(d) The State Govt. has sent claims for reimbursement of about Rs. 3 crores. Approximately Rs. 47 lakhs have been reimbursed to the State out of this claim. For the rest of the amount clarifications have been sought from the State Govt. which are still awaited.

(e) State Govt. have been asked to expedite clarifications. Efforts are also being made for additional allocation of funds under the Transport Subsidy Scheme.

Properties of TAFCO

1550. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value of moveable and immoveable properties of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited.

(b) whether it is a fact the company has more than Rs. 100 crores worth of immoveable properties;

(c) whether the management has been unable to utilise them; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The estimated